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STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

E. J. Watson, of Columbia, has retired as president of the National Drainage congress, to which position he was elected in 1914 at a meeting held in Savannah. He is succeeded by George Parsons, former mayor of Cairo, Ill.

According to figures on file in the office of the York county clerk of court, there were 77 more automobile licenses issued in this county during the year 1915 than in the previous year.

David R. Coker, planter, merchant and banker of Hartsville, has been this year awarded the McMaster medal of the University of South Carolina, because of his contributions to the advancement of agriculture generally.

Mr. Austin, a young farmer of Iva, has been awarded a bronze medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund commission for saving Edward Harris from suffocation in a well at Iva on August 9 1910.

Pope Lott, a farmer of Johnston, had on exhibition Monday in Columbia a stalk of Sawyer's improved variety of cotton, a sport of the Toole cotton. The stalk originally had 124 bolls, of which 89 appeared upon it as it was exhibited by Mr. Lott.

Senator Tillman and the South Carolina delegation have urged President Wilson to address the South Carolina general assembly on preparedness before that body adjourns.

Creation of an additional judicial circuit, the Fourteenth, is contemplated in a bill which was given second reading in the house Monday night. The district will be composed of the counties of Hampton, Colleton, Jasper and Beaufort. The bill having been introduced by the representatives from these four counties.

Congressman Finley has recommended that Wm. L. Blackman be appointed postmaster at Kershaw and James A. Barrett at Clover.

Barnard B. Evans, of Columbia, was restored to the practice of law in South Carolina Friday by an order of the supreme court, signed by Associate Justices Watts and Gage.

Twelve Charleston fishermen, all colored, who put to sea Friday in a power boat, have not been heard from and all are believed to have been lost.

Dispensary constables raiding a Market street place in Charleston Friday seized 35 gallon packages of whiskey, six gallons of whiskey in jugs, three gallons of wine, 25 quarts and 208 pints of whiskey.

Governor Manning announced Tuesday that he had appointed John D. Watts as Sheriff of Laurens county to succeed the late John D. Owings.

Former Representative Joseph T. Johnson was Tuesday confirmed by the Senate as Judge of the Western district of South Carolina, putting an end to a condition of somewhat painful suspense.

Rock Hill Herald: It's Mayor Stevens now. After taking the oath as councilman Monday night he was unanimously elected mayor in the reorganization of the council for the new year.

Taxes Paid Under Protest.

The National Union Bank and the Peoples' National Bank of Rock Hill, the First National and the Savings Bank of Fort Mill, the National Bank of York and the First National Bank of Sharon, have paid this year's taxes under protest. Inquiry at the office of the county treasurer yesterday morning developed the fact that that official did not know the reason why such action was being taken by the banks. Information received from a well known banker yesterday afternoon was to the effect that the taxes were paid under protest under the instructions of the state banker's association and that the precaution was based on the case of the National Union Bank of Rock Hill against the county treasurer in which the bank seeks to recover alleged "overpaid" taxes. "We have paid under protest," said the official, "pending the outcome of the case now before the supreme court. If the National Union bank wins their case we also want a refund of taxes."—Yorkville Enquirer.

May Pour Liquor Out.

According to despatches from Columbia, some of the members of the general assembly favor reopening the dispensaries long enough to dispose at retail prices of the liquor remaining on hand, while others believe it would be better to sell the remaining stock at wholesale prices to some parties outside of the State. But both of the propositions are being fought by the prohibitionists on the ground that the state has no more right to sell whiskey, or the counties, than the people, and this would assist the blind tiger business, and that the stuff ought to be poured out.

The Congressional Race.

The fight up in the 5th Congressional district next summer is also attracting attention. Congressman D. E. Finley, who has served that district since 1898, will be opposed by W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw, who was in the second race with him in 1914. There is talk that J. E. McDonald of Winnsboro, who at one time was solicitor of the 6th circuit, may be in the race. It is known that friends of Mr. McDonald have been urging him to run, but he has not given any definite answer. Attempts are also being made to get John T. Roddey, former mayor of Rock Hill, in the race. It has long been known throughout the 5th district that unless a candidate can break into the strength of Mr. Finley in York county there will be small prospects of beating him. However, that race is looming up more every day.—News and Courier.

What About This?

Hey, you York papers, why don't you answer the question we asked you a week ago, as to where your town got the right to the use of the county chain-gang to improve a street in your town? Show us a law that gives you that right. Let us know what you are paying the county for the use of the gang, so that the taxpayers of York county can see how much money they are losing on this "bargain."

Wonder if the York people think Rock Hill and Fort Mill are going to stand for this kind of treatment! When the Saluda road was built, did the chain-gang come into Rock Hill and continue the improvement? No. Rock Hill had to use her own force to build out to the county line.—Rock Hill Record.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY BRIEFLY PARAPHRASED

(Yorkville Enquirer, Friday.)

The Presbyterian congregation at Clover will build a new church.

Probate Judge L. R. Williams celebrated his 74th birthday Wednesday. Although well past his three score and ten, the judge is still hale and hearty and bids fair to remain so for years to come.

Dr. L. L. Campbell, who has been practicing medicine in Bethel township a number of years past, has retired from practice and expects to devote his entire time to his farming interests.

At a meeting of the owners of the Yorkville creamery association here yesterday, a proposition was submitted by two young men living in North Carolina to rent the plant. The proposal was taken under advisement.

The Hawthorn Spinning Mills company, of Clover, has been chartered with a capital stock of \$500,000. The officers are: Thomas McConnell, president; Harry E. Verran, vice president; H. F. Richardson, secretary, and M. L. Smith, manager and assistant treasurer.

Land owners interested in the project to drain Turkey creek for a distance of twenty-five miles or more are holding a meeting in the office of the clerk of the court today for the purpose of further discussing the matter and to hear the arguments of persons opposed to the project.

Up to January 15, taxes which do not include the taxes of banks under protest, have been paid by townships as follows: Bethel, \$4,194.01; Bethesda, \$9,954.03; Broad River, \$8,128.79; Bullock's Creek, \$4,509.44; Catawba, \$54,288.68; Ebenezer, \$26,193.78; Ft. Mill, \$18,722.15; King's Mountain, \$14,076.81; York, \$25,285.72.

Congressman Finley on Wednesday introduced bills in congress appropriating \$300,000 each for the erection of public buildings at Cheraw, Yorkville and Winnsboro. Mr. Finley has also introduced a bill appropriating \$60,000 for the purpose of either enlarging the public building at Rock Hill or to acquire a site and erect a suitable building for the purpose of holding the Federal court there at a cost of \$60,000.

Representative Cherry has introduced a bill to create a county sinking fund commission to look after the bonds issued in aid of the Three C's railroad, and for the erection of the York county courthouse. The commission is to consist of the supervisor, county treasurer and county auditor. It is to be charged with the duty of looking after the payment of interest on the bonds in question, looking after the investment of sinking funds, retiring bonds when conditions are such that it may be done to advantage, and refunding the debt when it comes due if it shall be necessary.

Executed Two Mexicans.

Bernardo and Federico Duran, Mexican cattle thieves, condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for the killing of Bert Akers at San Lorenzo, near the international boundary, Friday, were executed at daylight Sunday in the cemetery at Juarez.

The Duran brothers died cursing Americans. Bernardo appealed for mercy on behalf of his brother, Federico.

Gang Term for "Pistol Toters."

A straight chain-gang sentence without an optional fine is the penalty provided for carrying a pistol in a bill that has been introduced in the lower house of the legislature by R. Burton Hicks, a member of the Spartanburg delegation. The proposed measure which the author is confident will go a long way in helping the courts stamp out the pernicious habit of "carrying guns" was sent to the judiciary committee of the house last night.

In brief the law would impose a sentence of not less than six months or more than two years. Exceptions to the penalty are provided in case of officers of the law, a person on his own premises or in the event that an armed person is able to show conclusively that he had reason for believing that his life was in danger at the time he carried the pistol, or other weapon of attack or defense.

Standing Committees Appointed.

At a recent meeting of city council the following standing committees were announced by Mayor B. E. Patterson:

Finance—A. C. Lytle, chairman; J. B. Elliott, W. A. Roach. Streets—M. J. Adcock, chairman; A. C. Lytle, W. J. Steele. Lights—W. J. Steele, chairman; A. C. Lytle, B. C. Ferguson.

Health—J. B. Elliott, chairman; M. J. Adcock, W. A. Roach.

Fire Dept.—B. C. Ferguson, W. J. Steele, M. J. Adcock.

All the children should read the big advertisement of the E. W. Kimbrell company that appears on page four.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL CAN'T HOLD CLERKSHIP

The question has arisen as to whether a member of city council, which position now carries a small salary, could legally serve as city clerk and treasurer, which also pays a salary, some days ago caused Mayor B. E. Patterson to write Attorney General Peebles for an opinion in the matter and the mayor has received the following letter in reply:

"Columbia, Jan. 21st.

"B. E. Patterson, Mayor,

"Fort Mill, S. C.

"Dear Sir:

"In reply to yours of the 17th inst., I will say that in my opinion, it is unlawful for the same person to hold the offices of city clerk and treasurer and alderman at one and the same time, as they are clearly two offices and the holding of both at the same time is prohibited by the State constitution. The acceptance of one office, under the law, vacates the former office held by the officer.

"Trusting that this gives you the desired information, I am

"Very truly yours,

"Thos. H. Peebles,

"Attorney General."

It is presumed that the above decision of General Peebles will necessitate the resignation of Mr. W. A. Roach either from the board of aldermen or the city clerkship, and it is expected that the council will take action in the matter at its next meeting.

The Columbia Chamber of commerce has adopted resolutions opposing the enactment of the 2-cent railroad mileage bill.

Will Continue Work for Peace.

Henry Ford's efforts toward ending the European war are not finished and "no one can tell what may be accomplished," declared Lieut. Gov. Andrew J. Bethea, who returned to Columbia Sunday, after spending seven weeks as a member of the Ford peace expedition. Mr. Bethea sailed from New York with the Ford party and remained with the party until after it reached The Hague. Then after a visit to London he returned to this country. He was high in his praises of Ford's purposes, declaring he had "set the world, and especially rich men, an example."

Blease in the Race.

Former Governor Blease a few days ago dispelled all doubt as to his being in the race for the governorship next summer when, in a letter to J. Mack King, of Anderson, he wrote in part as follows:

"In reply to your direct questions, I beg leave to say that, since the conferences of this week, I have definitely and finally decided to be a candidate for the office of governor in the campaign this year, and you can say to your friends that at the proper time I shall pay my assessment, file my pledge and walk into the race; and, unless all signs change, I will win. The only thing I ask of my friends is that they go to the ballot boxes, when they are first opened, and remain until the last vote is counted, and see that we are not robbed. This is my final determination. If my friends will do that the victory is ours, and the people of the state have in power men who are representatives of the interests of all the people, and who will see that equal rights are given to all and special privileges to none."

Special Mid-Winter Sale.

For the next ten days we will place on sale a lot of Children's and Misses' Underwear. Also Children's Sweaters, Leggings, Infants' Sacques, Bootees, Kimonos, Etc. Ladies' Knit Underskirts, Outing Skirts, Knit Scarfs Etc. Just a few left, so come before they are gone.

Read These Reductions

Children's 25c Union Suits, pants, shirts, for, each, 19c	Infants' 25c white Sacques, 19c
Children's 50c Union Suits for, 39c	Infants' 25c Outing Kimonos, 19c
Children's \$1 Sweaters, in white, 79c	Infants' 25c Bootees, 19c
Children's \$1 Sweaters, in red, 89c	Ladies' 25c Knit Skirts, 19c
Children's 50c Sweaters, in red, 42c	Ladies' 50c Knit Skirts, 42c
Children's 50c Sweaters, in white, 39c	Ladies' 25c Scarfs, 19c
Children's Knit Leggings, red, white, 39c	Ladies' 50c Scarfs, 39c
	Men's 50c Underwear, shirts, pants 42c

Be sure so see our new Spring Gingham, Percales, Suitings, and Laces. We can save you money and invite you to come in and see our new goods.

Special for Saturday and Monday.

7 Bars Octagon Soap (7 bars to each customer) for - - 25c
Arbuckle's Coffee (1 pound to customer) for 15c the pound

Mills & Young Comp'y

In the New Store.